

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Mayor Shaw called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, Herb Shaw	Present
Commissioner, Lauren Drury Amis	Present
Commissioner, Gerald DeWitt	Present
Commissioner, Geneva Nichols	Present
Commissioner, Ricky Reddish, Sr.	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Alvin Leaphart	Present
City Manager, Onda Woodard	Present
Acting Police Chief, Glenn Takaki	Present

The Lord's Prayer was led by City Attorney Leaphart.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Acting Police Chief Takaki.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Nichols to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 17, 2009.

All Council voted yes.

Mr. Walt Vredevelde, Unit Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Wayne County, reviewed the Club's overall operations and plans for the future.

Mr. Vredevelde asked Council for their continued support during this turnaround period to keep the club viable and open.

Downtown Director Crystal Gill requested the Downtown Development Authority Budget be increased by \$19,050.00, which is the amount of the Georgia Tourism Co-Op Grant received.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to change the DDA budget to increase revenue and expenses by \$19,050.00, the amount of the Georgia Tourism Co-Op Grant.

All Council voted yes.

Downtown Director Gill and City Engineer Bill Shuman presented slides of Buggy Whip and Buckboard Trail on both dry and rainy days to show the significant differences; and they requested Council to consider applying for a Community Development Block Grant to pave the two roads.

City Engineer Shuman stated the total estimated cost for the project is \$618,500.00, which includes \$468,500.00 from the CDBG. Wayne County has agreed to share in the cost as follows: In-Kind match of \$125,000.00 (City - \$50,000.00, County \$75,000.00) and cash match of \$25,000.00 (City - \$12,500.00, County \$12,500.00). An additional \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 will be needed for surveying.

Commissioner Nichols stated she has been trying to get these roads paved for the past 4 – 5 years, and urged Council to give these residents some relief.

Commissioner DeWitt made motion seconded by Commissioner Townsend to submit a CDBG application to pave Buggy Whip and Buckboard Trail.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard requested approval to increase the current Peddlers license fee of \$100.00 per year to protect the local merchants.

Commissioner DeWitt suggested City Manager Woodard contact Wayne County to make sure they adopt a similar Peddlers license fee.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an Ordinance to increase the Peddlers license fee to \$300.00, not to exceed 30 days and delete the wording "Such fee shall be paid yearly, which year shall run from January 1 of the year such permit is issued until January 1 of the next year."

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard stated Wayne County Administrator Mike Deal has requested for the City to oversee and bid the Arabian Lane Paving Project. This Lane is located within the City limits of Jesup. The County will pay all costs.

Commissioner Townsend made motion seconded by Commissioner Amis to oversee and bid the paving of Arabian Lane, with costs being paid out of Wayne County's SPLOST.

All Council voted yes.

City Manager Woodard stated she had been notified that D.O.T. submitted a letter to the City regarding the connector road between North Fourth Street and Highway 84 not being on the priority list, with approximately one week response deadline which had been missed. City Manager Woodard submitted a letter to D.O.T. requesting the road be put on the priority list.

Mrs. Gill updated Council on the status of the Train Depot renovation.

Commissioner Nichols stated it was very unprofessional for someone to call a meeting after the Train Depot Committee meeting with only select individuals in attendance to voice an opinion about a change, and requested it not happen again.

Commissioner Amis commended the Water Department employees for a job well done on solving a problem in her district.

Meeting Adjourned,

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Rose Marcus-Jackson  
City Clerk/Treasurer